# **High Yield Bond Fund**

Benchmark

ICE BofA BB-B US HY Constnd TR USD

# Investment Objective & Strategy

The investment seeks maximum total return, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management.

The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in high yield investments ("junk bonds"), which may be represented by forwards or derivatives. It may invest up to 20% of its total assets in securities rated Caa or below by Moody's, or equivalently rated by S&P or Fitch, or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality. The fund may invest, without limitation, in derivative instruments, such as options, futures contracts or swap agreements, or in mortgage- or asset-backed securities.

# **Operations and Management**

| Fund Inception Date  | 09-30-99                      |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Expense Ratio        | 0.55%                         |
| Portfolio Manager(s) | Sonali Pier                   |
|                      | David Forgash                 |
| Name of Issuer       | PIMCO                         |
| Management Company   | Pacific Investment Management |
|                      | Company, LLC                  |

#### Benchmark Description: ICE BofA BB-B US HY Constnd TR USD

The Index measures all securities in The BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Index rated BB1 through B3, based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch, but caps issuer exposure at 2%. The index are capitalization-weighted, based on their current amount outstanding, provided the total allocation to an individual issuer does not exceed 2%.

#### **Category Description: High Yield Bond**

High-yield bond portfolios concentrate on lower-quality bonds, which are riskier than those of higher-quality companies. These portfolios generally offer higher yields than other types of portfolios, but they are also more vulnerable to economic and credit risk. These portfolios primarily invest in U.S. high-income debt securities where at least 65% or more of bond assets are not rated or are rated by a major agency such as Standard & Poor's or Moody's at the level of BB (considered speculative for taxable bonds) and below.



In the past, this investment has shown a relatively small range of price fluctuations relative to other investments. Based on this measure, currently more than two-thirds of all investments have shown higher levels of risk. Consequently, this investment may appeal to investors looking for a conservative investment strategy.

#### Performance

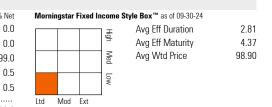
| I entormance                |      |       |        |      |      |        |        |      |           |               |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|--------|------|------|--------|--------|------|-----------|---------------|
|                             |      | QTD   | YTD    | 1 Y  | ear  | 3 Year | 5 Year | 10   | 0 Year Si | nce Inception |
| Fund Return %               |      | 0.05  | 6.87   | 6.   | 87   | 2.47   | 3.32   |      | 4.57      | 4.48          |
| Benchmark Return %          |      | -0.17 | 6.84   | 6.   | 84   | 2.46   | 3.64   |      | 4.87      | 6.12          |
| Category Average %          |      | 0.25  | 7.63   | 7.   | 63   | 2.78   | 3.72   |      | 4.33      | 5.08          |
| # of Funds in Category      |      | 640   | 626    | 6    | 26   | 580    | 539    |      | 421       | —             |
| Calendar Year Total Returns | 2024 | 2023  | 2022   | 2021 | 2020 | 2019   | 2018   | 2017 | 2016      | 2015          |
| Total Return %              | 6.87 | 12.79 | -10.74 | 3.99 | 5.24 | 14.98  | -2.44  | 7.00 | 12.72     | -1.92         |
| Benchmark Return %          | 6.84 | 12.58 | -10.58 | 4.60 | 6.28 | 15.10  | -2.04  | 6.98 | 14.72     | -2.79         |
| Category Average %          | 7.63 | 12.08 | -10.09 | 4.77 | 4.91 | 12.62  | -2.59  | 6.47 | 13.30     | -4.01         |
| # of Funds in Category      | 626  | 670   | 682    | 678  | 676  | 711    | 695    | 699  | 707       | 769           |

Performance Disclosure: The performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; thus an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current Month performance may be higher or lower than return data quoted herein. For more current information including month-end performance, please visit 0xy.voya.com or call the 0xy Retirement Service Center at 1-844-0XY-401K (1-844-699-4015). Please refer to the performance section of the disclosure page for more information.

# Portfolio Analysis as of 09-30-24



| Top 10 Holdings as of 09-30-24                | % Assets |
|---|----------|
| Pimco Fds 11-01-24                            | 2.93     |
| United States Treasury Notes 4.25% 10-15-25   | 2.40     |
| United States Treasury Notes 3.625% 05-15-26  | 2.08     |
| United States Treasury Notes 4.25% 05-31-25   | 2.00     |
| 2 Year Treasury Note Future Dec 24 01-01-25   | 1.15     |
| Venture Global LNG Inc. 8.375% 06-01-31       | 0.92     |
| Prime Healthcare Services Inc 9.375% 09-01-29 | 0.70     |
| Ultra 10 Year US Treasury Note Future Dec     | 0.63     |
| 24 12-20-24                                   |          |
| Medline Borrower LP 3.875% 04-01-29           | 0.62     |
| United States Treasury Notes 4.5% 11-15-25    | 0.60     |
|   |          |
| Total Number of Stock Holdings                | 0        |
| Total Number of Bond Holdings                 | 1098     |
| Annual Turnover Ratio %                       | 43.00    |
| Total Fund Assets (\$mil)                     | 27.11    |



| Mor      | ningstar F-I S        | Sectors a  | s of 09-30-2 | 24   | % Fund    | % Categor |
|----------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 卾        | Governme              | nt         |              |      | 10.90     | 4.38      |
| Θ        | Corporate             |            |              |      | 78.70     | 81.53     |
| ŵ        | Securitized           | t          |              |      | 0.03      | 4.71      |
| 74       | Municipal             |            | 0.00         | 0.22 |           |           |
| <b>B</b> | Cash/Cash Equivalents |            |              | 6.06 | 4.0       |           |
| D        | Derivative            |            |              |      | 4.31      | 5.08      |
| Cree     | <b>dit Analysis</b> a | s of 09-30 | )-24         |      |           | % Bond    |
| 1        | 1 1 1                 |            |              |      | AAA       | 1         |
|          |                       |            |              |      | AA        | 3         |
|          |                       |            |              |      | А         | (         |
|          |                       |            |              |      | BBB       | į         |
|          |                       |            |              |      | BB        | 54        |
|          |                       |            |              |      | В         | 24        |
|          |                       |            |              |      | Below B   | :         |
|          |                       | Ī          |              |      | Not Rated | (         |
|          |                       |            |              |      |           |           |

#### Principal Risks as of 09-30-24

Short Sale, Credit and Counterparty, Prepayment (Call), Currency, Emerging Markets, Foreign Securities, Loss of Money, Not FDIC Insured, Issuer, Interest Rate, Market/Market Volatility, Equity Securities, High-Yield Securities, Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities, Other, Restricted/Illiquid Securities, Derivatives, Leverage, Sovereign Debt, Management

# **Important Disclosures**

When used as supplemental sales literature, the Investment Profile must be preceded or accompanied by the fund's current prospectus as well as this disclosure statement. The performance data given represents past performance and should not be considered indicative of future results. Principal value and investment return will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares when redeemed may be worth more or less than the original investment. Fund portfolio statistics change over time. The fund is not FDIC-insured, may lose value and is not guaranteed by a bank or other financial institution.

### Performance

Total return reflects performance without adjusting for sales charges or the effects of taxation, but is adjusted to reflect all actual ongoing fund expenses and assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted, sales charges would reduce the performance quoted.

Standardized Total Return is total return adjusted for sales charges. The sales charge adjusted for may not necessarily be consistent with the prospectus.

The fund's performance is compared with that of an index. The index is an unmanaged portfolio of specified securities and the index does not reflect any initial or ongoing expenses. A fund's portfolio may differ significantly from the securities in the index.

# **Expense Ratio**

This is the percentage of fund assets paid for operating expenses and management fees. The expense ratio typically includes the following types of fees: accounting, administrator, advisor, auditor, board of directors, custodial, distribution (12b-1), legal, organizational, professional, registration, shareholder reporting, sub-advisor, and transfer agency. The expense ratio does not reflect the fund's brokerage costs or any investor sales charges. In contrast to the net expense ratio, the gross expense ratio does not reflect any fee waivers in effect during the time period.

### Morningstar Style Box™

The Morningstar Style Box  $^{\rm m}$  reveals a fund's investment strategy as of the date noted on this report.

For equity funds, the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the long stocks owned, and the horizontal axis shows the investment style (value, blend, or growth.) A darkened cell in the style box matrix indicates the weighted average style of the portfolio.

For portfolios holding fixed-income investments, a Fixed Income Style Box is calculated. The vertical axis shows the credit quality based on credit ratings and the horizontal axis shows interest-rate sensitivity as measured by effective duration. There are three credit categories - "High", "Medium", and "Low"; and there are three interest rate sensitivity categories - "Limited", "Moderate", and "Extensive"; resulting in nine possible combinations. As in the Equity Style Box, the combination of credit and interest rate sensitivity for a portfolio is represented by a darkened square in the matrix. Morningstar uses credit rating information from credit rating agencies (CRAs) that have been designated Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs) by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in the United States. For a list of all NRSROs, please visit https:// www.sec.gov/ocr/ocr-current-nrsros.html. Additionally, Morningstar will use credit ratings from CRAs which have been recognized by foreign regulatory institutions that are deemed the equivalent of the NRSRO designation. To determine the rating applicable to a holding and the

subsequent holding weighted value of a portfolio two methods may be employed. First is a common methodology approach where if a case exists such that two CRAs have rated a holding, the lower rating of the two should be applied; if three or more CRAs have rated a holding, the median rating should be applied; and in cases where there are more than two ratings and a median rating cannot be determined, the lower of the two middle ratings should be applied. Alternatively, if there is more than one rating available an average can be calculated from all and applied.

Please Note: Morningstar, Inc. is not an NRSRO nor does it issue a credit rating on the fund. Credit ratings for any security held in a portfolio can change over time.

Morningstar uses the credit rating information to calculate a weighted-average credit quality value for the portfolio. This value is based only upon those holdings which are considered to be classified as "fixed income", such a government, corporate, or securitized issues. Other types of holdings such as equities and many, though not all, types of derivatives are excluded. The weighted-average credit quality value is represented by a rating symbol which corresponds to the long-term rating symbol schemas employed by most CRAs. Note that this value is not explicitly published but instead serves as an input in the Style Box calculation. This symbol is then used to map to a Style Box credit quality category of "low," "medium," or "high". Funds with a "low" credit quality category are those whose weighted-average credit quality is determined to be equivalent to the commonly used High Yield classification, meaning a rating below "BBB", portfolios assigned to the "high" credit category have either a "AAA" or "AA+" average credit quality value, while "medium" are those with an average rating of "AA-" inclusive to "BBB-". It is expected and intended that the majority of portfolios will be assigned a credit category of "medium".

For assignment to an interest-rate sensitivity category, Morningstar uses the average effective duration of the portfolio. From this value there are three distinct methodologies employed to determine assignment to category. Portfolio which are assigned to Morningstar municipal-bond categories employ static breakpoints between categories. These breakpoints are: "Limited" equal to 4.5 years or less, "Moderate" equal to 4.5 years to less than 7 years; and "Extensive" equal to more than 7 years. For portfolios assigned to Morningstar categories other than U.S. Taxable, including all domiciled outside the United States, static duration breakpoints are also used: "Limited" equals less than or equal to 3.5 years, "Moderate" equals greater than 3.5 years but less than or equal to 6 years, and "Extensive" is assigned to portfolios with effective durations of more than 6 years.

Note: Interest-rate sensitivity for non-U.S. domiciled portfolios (excluding those in Morningstar convertible categories) may be assigned using average modified duration when average effective duration is not available.

For portfolios Morningstar classifies as U.S. Taxable Fixed-Income, interest-rate sensitivity category assignment is based on the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index (MCBI). The classification assignment is dynamically determined relative to the benchmark index value. A "Limited" category will be assigned to portfolios whose average effective duration is between 25% to 75% of MCBI average effective duration, where the average effective duration is between 75% to 125% of the MCBI the portfolio will be classified as "Moderate", and those portfolios with an average effective duration of the MCBI will be classified as "Extensive".

# **Additional Fund Information**

#### **Collective Trusts and Separate Accounts**

Collective Trusts and Separate Accounts are professionally managed investment options designed to offer cost effective investments to large investors. The collective Trusts referred to above are overseen by banking regulators and the Separate Accounts referred to above are overseen by the SEC. These vehicles are subject to oversight by the US Department of Labor in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Collective Trusts and Separate Accounts are not required to have a prospectus.

#### **Investment Risk:**

### Short Sale

Selling securities short may be subject to the risk that an advisor does not correctly predict the movement of the security, resulting in a loss if a security must be purchased on the market above its initial borrowing price to return to the lender, in addition to interest paid to the lender for borrowing the security.

### **Credit and Counterparty**

The issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract, or other borrower may not be able to make timely principal, interest, or settlement payments on an obligation. In this event, the issuer of a fixed-income security may have its credit Rating downgraded or defaulted, which may reduce the potential for income and value of the portfolio.

# Prepayment (Call)

The issuer of a debt security may be able to repay principal prior to the security's maturity because of an improvement in its credit quality or falling interest rates. In this event, this principal may have to be reinvested in securities with lower interest rates than the original securities, reducing the potential for income.

#### Currency

Investments in securities traded in foreign currencies or more directly in foreign currencies are subject to the risk that the foreign currency will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, which may reduce the value of the portfolio. Investments in currency hedging positions are subject to the risk that the value of the U.S. dollar will decline relative to the Currency being hedged, which may result in a loss of money on the investment as well as the position designed to act as a hedge. Cross-currency hedging strategies and active currency positions may increase currency risk because actual currency exposure may be substantially different from that suggested by the portfolio's holdings.

### **Emerging Markets**

Investments in emerging- and frontier-markets securities may be subject to greater market, credit, currency, liquidity, legal, political, and other risks compared with assets invested in developed foreign countries.

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# **Important Disclosures**

#### **Foreign Securities**

Investments in foreign securities may be subject to increased volatility as the value of these securities can change more rapidly and extremely than can the value of U.S. securities. Foreign securities are subject to increased issuer risk because foreign issuers may not experience the same degree of regulation as U.S. issuers do and are held to different reporting, accounting, and auditing standards. In addition, foreign securities are subject to increased costs because there are generally higher commission rates on transactions, transfer taxes, higher custodial costs, and the potential for foreign tax charges on dividend and interest payments. Many foreign markets are relatively small, and securities issued in less-developed countries face the risks of nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, and adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, including suspension of the ability to transfer currency from a country. Economic, political, social, or diplomatic developments can also negatively impact performance.

#### Loss of Money

Because the investment's market value may fluctuate up and down, an investor may lose money, including part of the principal, when he or she buys or sells the investment.

### **Not FDIC Insured**

The investment is not a deposit or obligation of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other U.S. governmental agency.

#### Issuer

A stake in any individual security is subject to the risk that the issuer of that security performs poorly, resulting in a decline in the security's value. Issuer-related declines may be caused by poor management decisions, competitive pressures, technological breakthroughs, reliance on suppliers, labor problems or shortages, corporate restructurings, fraudulent disclosures, or other factors. Additionally, certain issuers may be more sensitive to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments.

### **Interest Rate**

Most securities are subject to the risk that changes in interest rates will reduce their market value.

#### Market/Market Volatility

The market value of the portfolio's securities may fall rapidly or unpredictably because of changing economic, political, or market conditions, which may reduce the value of the portfolio.

### **Equity Securities**

The value of equity securities, which include common, preferred, and convertible preferred stocks, will fluctuate based on changes in their issuers' financial conditions, as well as overall market and economic conditions, and can decline in the event of deteriorating issuer, market, or economic conditions.

# **High-Yield Securities**

Investments in below-investment-grade debt securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality, commonly known as "junk bonds" or "high-yield securities," may be subject to increased interest, credit, and liquidity risks.

#### Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities

Investments in mortgage-backed ("IMBS") and asset-backed securities ("ABS") may be subject to increased price volatility because of changes in interest rates, issuer information availability, credit quality of the underlying assets, market perception of the issuer, availability of credit enhancement, and prepayment of principal. The value of ABS and MBS may be adversely affected if the underlying borrower fails to pay the loan included in the security.

#### Other

The investment's performance may be impacted by its concentration in a certain type of security, adherence to a particular investing strategy, or a unique aspect of its structure and costs.

#### **Restricted/Illiquid Securities**

Restricted and illiquid securities may fall in price because of an inability to sell the securities when desired. Investing in restricted securities may subject the portfolio to higher costs and liquidity risk.

# Derivatives

Investments in derivatives may be subject to the risk that the advisor does not correctly predict the movement of the underlying security, interest rate, market index, or other financial asset, or that the value of the derivative does not correlate perfectly with either the overall market or the underlying asset from which the derivative's value is derived. Because derivatives usually involve a small investment relative to the magnitude of liquidity and other risks assumed, the resulting gain or loss from the transaction will be disproportionately magnified. These investments may result in a loss if the counterparty to the transaction does not perform as promised.

# Leverage

Leverage transactions may increase volatility and result in a significant loss of value if a transaction fails. Because leverage usually involves investment exposure that exceeds the initial investment, the resulting gain or loss from a relatively small change in an underlying indicator will be disproportionately magnified.

### Sovereign Debt

Investments in debt securities issued or guaranteed by governments or governmental entities are subject to the risk that an entity may delay or refuse to pay interest or principal on its sovereign debt because of cash flow problems, insufficient foreign reserves, or political or other considerations. In this event, there may be no legal process for collecting sovereign debts that a governmental entity has not repaid.

### Management

Performance is subject to the risk that the advisor's asset allocation and investment strategies do not perform as expected, which may cause the portfolio to underperform its benchmark, other investments with similar objectives, or the market in general. The investment is subject to the risk of loss of income and capital invested, and the advisor does not guarantee its value, performance, or any particular rate of return.

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